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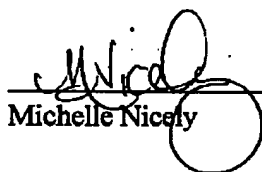
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In reply to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005 that sets a two-month period for a response, the Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file a reply by July 8, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Account No. 50-0359 for the extension. This reply is thus timely filed.